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OF THE

EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Beech Grove Baptist Church, Claiborne County, Miss.,

September 20-23, 1901.

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR,

REV. S. R. YOUNG, ... Martin, Miss.

CLERK,

T. J. BARKSDALE, ... Clinton, Miss.

TREASURER,

G. W. FOSTER, ... Lorman, Miss

EXECUTIVE BOARD,

REV. S. R. YOUNG. S. S. JACOB, G. F. BOREN.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: Piedmont Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Miss , on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS.

First Day—Morning Session.

FRIDAY, September 20th, 1901.

The Union Baptist Association met in its Eighty-first Annual Session, with the Beech Grove Baptist Church, Claiborne County, Miss., on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1901.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. John Thompson. At 11 o'clock the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Bryan Simmons from James 1:22 Text "Be Ye Doers of the Word, and Not Hearers Only."

Adjourned for refreshments.

First Day—Evening Session.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. M. Ellis.

On motion, the reading of the letters from the various churches was dispensed with, and a committee on Enrollment was appointed composed of Rev. Jno. Thompson, who upon call of churches, reported names of delegates which are enrolled as follows:

DELEGATES.

Antioch—R. E. Bishop, E. W. Grffing.
Bethesda—James Beesley.
Brushy Fork—J. A. Bailiss, Bryan Simmons.
Beech Grove—I. W. Fife, A. L. Harlan, C. L. Young.
Center Chapel—H. T. Jones, J. T. Foster.
Fellowship—Jno. Thompson, G. W. Foster.
Harriston—S. S. Jacob, M. V. Case.
Hermanville—J. W. Walters, Isaac Davis, J. A. Lord.
Martin—S. R. Young, E. D. Barron.
New Providence—Represented by letter.
New Salem—Represented by letter.
Philadelphia—W. A. Smith, W. W. Davis.
Piedmont—I. Posey, W. W. Cupit.
Pine Bluff—J. H. Purser.
Pleasant Hill—E. D. Furr, M. F. Thetford, L. S. McKinney, F. Varnado, T. J. Barksdale.
Port Gibson—W. S. Varnado, E. S. P'Pool.
Reganton—N. B. Fisher.
Rodney—Percy Hammett, Herbert Herring.
Sims' Chapel—J. J. Davis, C. M. Stamps.
Unity—Robert Taylor, Henry Hudson.
White Oak—D. A. McCaleb, Walter Coleman.

The Association then went into a permanent organization. W. S. Varnado

and J. W. Walters were appointed as tellers of the election. The Association proceeded to ballot, which resulted in the re-election of all the old officers, viz:

Moderator—S. R. Young.
Clerk—T. J. Barksdale.
Treasurer—G. W. Foster.

The Moderator then declared the Association ready for business.

On motion, the sessions of the Association were fixed as follows:

Meet at 9 o'clock A. M.
Adjourn at 12 M.
Meet at 1:30 P. M.
Adjourn at 4 P. M.

On motion, the regular order of business was adopted, as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Organize.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Call for correspondence.
5. Appoint committees.
6. Report of committees.
7. Motions and resolutions.
8. Adjournment.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters—none were presented—Correspondence was then called for by the Moderator.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Central Association—Rev. P. A. Haman, Rev. S. M. Ellis.
Convention Board—Rev. R. A. Cohron.
The Baptist—Rev. T. J. Bailey.
Mississippi College—Rev. W. T. Lowrey.
Baptist Orphanage—Sister L. S. Foster.

CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED.

Carey Association—Rev. S. R. Young, Rev. J. H. Purser.
Central Association—Rev. Bryan Simmons.
Baptist State Convention—Rev. S. R. Young, Rev. Bryan Simmons, Rev. John Thompson, T. J. Barksdale.

On motion Rev. Bryan Simmons was elected delegate, and Rev. E. S. P'Pool alternate, to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion each church of the Association was asked to send $2.00 to defray the expenses of said delegate.

On motion, any member of this Association is hereby authorized to represent this body in any Association with which we correspond.

REVISION OF ANNUAL COMMITTEES.

Publications—L. S. McKinney.
Sunday Schools—G. W. Foster.
Sustentation—Rev. Bryan Simmons.
Mississippi College—Rev. E. S. P'Pool.
Pastoral Support—N. B. Fisher.
Family Worship—J. W. Walters.
Orphanage—Rev. S. M. Ellis.
Young People's Work—W. S. Varnado.

The Moderator then appointed the following special committees: Finance—W. S. Varnado, W. A. Smith, N. B. Fisher. Nominations—J. A. Lord, M. F. Thetford, Percy Hammett. Religious Exercises—Rev. Bryan Simmons together with the Deacons of this church. Apportionment—E. W. Griffing, James Beesley, J. A. Bailiss, C. L. Young, H. T. Jones, G. W. Foster, M. V. Case, Isaac Davis, W. A. Smith, Rev. J. H. Purser, E. D. Furr, W. W. Cupit, W. S. Varnado, N. B. Fisher, Percy Hammett, C. M. Stamps, Robert Taylor, Walter Coleman.

On motion, the Reports on Missions were made the special order for the morning session of to-morrow. The Moderator then called for Reports of Committees.

The report on Publications was read by Rev. T. J. Bailey, was discusstd by Brethren T. J. Bailey, S. M. Ellis, R. A. Cohron, Bryan Simmons and was then adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

The character of our reading determines largely the character of our thinking. The inspired record says "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he," which means, what we think determines what we are. If we know what one is thinking about to-day, we know what he will be doing to-morrowing; and if we know the book or periodicial last read, we know the channel in which the thoughts are running to-day. This being true, it is very essential, that we as a denomination, guard well our reading. Therefore the committee heartily recommends:

1. That each member of the family be provided with a Bible, and that some passage from God's holy word be read each day.

2. That the parents, when possible, purchase good books and periodicals and encourage their children to read by setting them the example.

3. That without fail each Baptist family provide itself with The Baptist, The Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field and The Orphanage Gem.

4. That the "Baptist Day," recommended by the State Convention be endorsed by this Association and recommended to the chnrches for observance.

Respectfully submitted, L. S. MCKINNEY,

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 A. M., to-morrow. Benediction by Rev. B. Simmons.

Second Day—Morning Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Purser. The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

On motion, the Committee on Apportionment was instructed to apportion to no church a smaller sum than was given by them last year.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read by Brethren S. R. Young, J. H. Purser and John Thompson, respectively. These reports were discussed by Brethren R. A. Cohron, J. H. Purser and John Thompson. On motion further discusion was postponed until the afternoon session.

Adjourned for refreshments.

Second Day—Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prave was offered by Rev. R. A. Cohron.

The discussion of the Reports on Missions was then resumed and discussed by Brethren S. M. Ellis and Bryan Simmons. The reports were then adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Never before in the history of our State have we seen such industrial life, and such evidences of progress. Along the lines of new railroads many towns have sprung as if by magic, in which manfacturing plants are establ lished. From every section comes the Macedonian cry "come over and help us," and the command is "go give ye them to eat."

Bro. A. V. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary of Convention Board, in his report to the Convention at McComb City, stated "we need $15,000 for the work of State Missions." We need to increase our contributions 25 per cent, that there may be enlargement in the State Mission work. This we are able to do, and if we prayerfully consider what the Lord has done for us, in His name and for His sake, we will do it. We therefore recommend to the churches the acceptance of 25 per cent enlargement. Respectfully Submitted,

S. R. YOUNG.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department of our work embraces the Southern States, Oklahoma and Indian Territories, and also the island of Cuba. Your committee first wou-d refer you to the summary of work done by our Home Mission Board:

Missionaries	811
Weeks of Labor	19,316
Churches and Stations	2,660
Sermons and Addresses	68,772
Prayer Meetings	14,754
Religious Visits	104,911
Baptisms	6,671
Received by Letter	7,226
Total Additions	13,900
Churches Constituted	162
Houses of Worship Built	100
Houses of Worship Improved	109
Amount Expended on Houses of Worship	$82,542.85
Sunday Schools Organized	511
Bible and Testaments Distributed	19,485

We see that the total amount of cash received during the past year for the regular work of the Home Board has been $86,964.65, which is an increase of $11,598 over the previous year. The board reports $4,110.43 received in special gifts, which make the amount of $91,075.08 as against the sum of $79,366.88 received the previous pear.

We are pleased to see that there is an increase of contributions from nearly all the States to th s work. Of this amount contributed to Home Missions, we see that Mississippi suspended $3,425.

As reported in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, there are 720 District Associations. In Mississippi there are fifty-three Associations; of this number of Associations giving $100 or upwards thirty-three. Number of churches contained in these thirty-three Associations 923. Number of churches in above list contributing as much as $2 and upwards to Home Missions 202. Number of these contributing less than $10, 139. Number giving less than $5, 79. We would further state as reported by our Home Board, 255 churches gave so little that they have not been taken into account in this estimate. Brethren, does this apply to our own Association? Let us pray for and give more to the support of this work, for we are asked to enlarge our contributions.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. H. PURSUER.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the six Nations in which Southern Baptists are represented by Missionaries, there is a population of 497,477,289 souls. Of this vast number, very few, comparatively, know God in the forgiveness of their sins. Dark as the picture may seem to be, this is also true, that, like all other people, this paganized and papalized people are passing away, either by natural or unnatural death, to "stand before a just God, who in the bound of a just decision, will drive them from His presence forever, into a place where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

It is to these and other people that our blessed Lord has called our attention and to whom He said, "Go, preach the Gospel," which implies go and evangelize all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. We surely are not blind to the responsibilities that are enjoined upon us; if not blind to these things that are true beyond a doubt, then it is reasonable that we ask ourselves the question, what part am I taking in the evangelization of the world for Christ and the salvation of any that will believe?

Your committee insists that each church of this Association take up the

question, in order to ascertain what they are doing in the interest of preaching the Gospel to all nations. My reason for this is, that, to the churches was given the commission to preach the Gospel, and if the churches of this Association are uninterested in this great and lasting responsibility, then we may reasonably expect that every individual member of the churches likewise is, and we are failures concerning the intimated purposes of Christ in our salvation.

In the bound of the six nations, to whom we are preaching the Gospel, there is a Missionary force of 102, and 171 native assistants. We are glad to report an increase in the mission force in the last four years from 190 to 273 all told. In addition to the above increase, two publication societies have been established, one in China and the other in Brazil. Also, plans are being put into operation for a medical hospital in China, that will give some of the Missionaries access to a greater number of people, who need their souls saved as well as their maladies healed. The gradual increase in professions of faith and church membership, corresponds with every circumstance and environment brought to bear, and no doubt surpasses our interest and contributions.

It is very gratifying to note by the statistics of this Association an increase in Foreign Mission contributions from $88.03 to $132.86 in the last three years. Yet notwithstanding this increase, who is the member of the church or Association that is willing to say that our increased contributions is commensurate with our numerical strength and fiancial ability?

Mississippi Baptists gave about nine cents per member to help evangelize the world for Christ. We are asked for a contribution this conventional year of eleven cents per member to help evangelize the world for Christ. Will we give it? We should give more, yea, not less than fifty cents per member should be our contribution to so noble a work.

Your committee very earnestly insists that each messenger and pastor of this Association will voice the sentiment of this report, and that during the next Associational year we will put forth our best efforts to bring up from our churches a contribution to Foreign Missions of fifty cents per member. Respectfully Submitted.

JOHN THOMPSON.

On motion, a collection for Missions shall be taken at Sunday's services.

The report on Mississippi College was read by Rev. E. S. P'Pool, and was discussed by Brethren P'Pool and W. T. Lowrey, and was then adopted.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Students—In the 49 years of the history of Mississippi College, from 1851 to 1901, the College has enrolled 8,693 students. The number of graduates for the same time has been 306. The greatest enrollment was 288 in the session of 1900-1901. The largest graduating class was 22 in the session 1894-'95. Last session there were thirty students who professed conversion while in college. There were 32 students for the Gospel Ministry, and 256 preparing for medicine, teaching, business, journalism and other callings. Many boys go back from college to make better farmers and to bless their own communities by being more intelligent citizens and more zealous Christians.

Faculty—The faculty is composed of nine strong men of steadfast Baptist principles. Three of them are graduates with high degrees from the University of Mississippi and other universities. Six are graduates with high degrees of scholarship from Mississippi College and other institutions.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Charles Hillman Brough as Professor of Economics, Philosophy and History, is to be filled by Prof. George Henry Brunson, also an alumnus of the college and a man of stable Christian character. The vacancy caused by Prof. J. F. Hailey as teacher of Oratory has not yet been filled, that work falling largely upon the willing but overburdened shoulders of Prof. P. H. Eager, Professor of English and Chairman of the Faculty.

The Endowment—The present endowment of Mississippi College is $40,000. This has hitherto proven inadequate. The Trustees, impressed with the importance of an increased endowment, especially in view of competition with our State institutions and colleges of other denominations, and in consideration of the increased demand for higher education among the thousands of our Commonwealth, have set on foot, through the Endowment Committee (B. W. Griffith, chairman, Vicksburg), a movement for the enlargement of the endowment. The American Baptist Educational Society, of New York, has offered to the Trustees of the College $14,550 on condition that they will, by July 2, 1902, raise $45,450, thus making $60,000, which added to our present $40,000 will aggregate $100,000. Our part is to be raised either in cash or in legally valid notes payable infive annual installments. In this way $13,000 was raised at the Baptist State Convention, McComb City, in July. We yet have $32,550 to be raised in ten months, between now and July 2, 1902.

Finances—The College for the past session has paid all its running expenses. This is an evidence of the economical ability of the present management. Through the efforts of President W. T. Lowrey there has been built and paid for a home for the President, which is owned by the College, which receives the rents. This house is a beautiful structure—an adornment to the College and an honor to the sacrificing Baptists who built it. Its cost is about $3,000. In addition to this, the Trustees asked Dr. Lowrey to raise $600 to redeem notes held by Dr. Webb abainst the College on a back salary. This has practically been done.

The committee recommends to the Association that every Baptist boy in the Association that be urged to attend Mississippi College rather than any other institution, and that every boy whether Christian or not be invited to take advantage of the education and Christian influence which Mississippi College offers. We further recommend that every Baptist in this Association thoroughly identify himself with every enterprise and endeavor that is being made by the President of Mississippi College and the Board of Trustees, by giving, as largely as the Lord has prospered him, to the endowment and other interests of Mississippi College.

Respectfully,
ELBERT S. P'POOL, Committee.

The report on Prohibition was read by Rev. J. E. Phillips, discussed by Brethren J. E. Phillips, T. J. Bailey and adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

In the most of the counties of our State we have local option. Madison and Monroe counties have recently voted, Monroe said "yes" for local option and in consequence Aberdeen is dry. Madison said "no" and Canton "smiles" some more, but her garment is one of shame.

This paper would favor constitutional prohibition; State and National, which would prevent the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits to be used as a beverage. It would favor their use simply for medicinal purposes.

This paper would also recommend that in the absence of prohibition, all church members vote for local option, and when this is obtained, stand flat-footed for the reign of the law. It further recommends that the churches of this Association discipline their members for signing whisky petitions, or in any way abetting the sale of liquor.

J. E. PHILLIHS.

The report on Religious Exercises was read by Rev. B. Simmons as follows: Sunday, 9 A. M., report on Sunday Schools; 10 A. M., report on Orphanage; 11 A. M., preaching—in the house by Dr. W. T. Lowrey; at the stand by Rev. R. A. Cohron; 2 P. M., preaching at the stand by Rev. S. M. Ellis; Ladies' meeting in the house at the same hour.

W. S. Varnado read the report on Finance which was adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We have examined the Treasurer's account and find the same correct, and report the following amounts sent up by the churches:

Foreign Missions	$ 17 97
Home Missions	15 69
State Missions	22 35
Ministerial Education	3 00
Orphanage	12 35
Sustentation	1 25
Mississippi College	1 00
Associational fund for minutes	49 80
Total	$123 41

W. S. VARNADO,
N. B. FISHER,
W. A. SMITH,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO UNION ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1900.

Received of Finance Committee	$153 25
Disbursements—	
Sept. 25, paid T. J. Barksdale	20 00
Oct. 2, paid L. S. Foster	19 50
Oct. 10, paid A. V. Rowe	64 00
Oct. 10, paid W. T. Lowrey	13 80
Mrs. S. E. Buckles	5 70
Printing minutes	30 18
Postage	07
Total	$153 25

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. FOSTER, Treasurer.

On motion, adjourned till 9 A. M., to-morrow. Benediction by Rev. E. S. P'Pool.

Sunday's Services.

Sunday morning's services opened by prayer and singing, after which the report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. P. A. Haman, discussed by Brethren P. A. Haman, E. S. P'Pool, J. H. Purser, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There are twenty-two churches in this Association. Last year there were sixteen of these churches that sent reports of Sunday Schools. From these sixteen Sunday Schools there was reported a total enrollment of 616. No report was made as to the average attendance. This year there were only thirteen churches which reported Sunday Schools. From these thirteen there is reported a total enrollment of 416, with an average attendance of 264. The committee recommends that every church maintain a Sunday School. Where the church is unable to maintain preaching services for every Sunday it is especially important that the children be not neglected. The fathers and mothers are responsible for their children. God has given express command to teach the children His word and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lork. If they are not instructed in the way of the Lord and die without Christ, their blood will be upon their parents who begot them.

We recommend that careful reports be sent to the Association regarding the

Sunday School in every church. Where there is no Sunday School say so explicitly in the report. This is for the purpose of gaining acurate information concerning the condition of every church in respect to Sunday Schools. We further recommend the use of Southern Baptist Convention Board literature.

Respectfully,
G. W. FOSTER, Committee.

The special hour having arrived for the report on Orphanage, the same was read by Rev. S. M. Ellis, and was discussed by Brethren S. M. Ellis, Jno. Thompson, Bryan Simmons, and adopted. Pending the adoption of the report, the Moderator took pledges for the Orphanage, which amounted to $107.00 and $1.00 in cash.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptists of Mississippi have a home for the care of the destitute orphan children—The Baptist Orphanage. This chartered institution is located in the suburbs of Jackson. The property consists of 112 acres of excellent land, and a good equipment of buildings for the orphans, and for all who are charged with their watch-care. The total value of our Baptist Orphanage property including the main brick building now nearing completion, is not less than $25,000. The balance of cost of this new brick dormitory is something like $6,000, but the amount was provided for at the late Baptist State Convention by a generous popular subscription. Between $200 and $300 of this amount was subscribed by churches and individual brethren of the Union Association. There remains for this body at the present session to provide for the collection of $100 which was subscribed at the above mentioned time by the Moderator of this Association.

Current Snpport—After thus fitting out our Orphanage as we have obligated to do, there then remains for us all as churches and as individuals to make regular contributions for the maintenance and current support of the institution. Something like $200 is required each month for current expenses on a basis of fifty children in the establishment. Double this amount will be the need so soon as the larger quarters shall have been finished and filled up with occupants. The sole dependence for this monthly uxpenditure is in the generous gifts of those who are kindly disposed to the care and religious training of the orphan children of our country.

Your committee would therefore recommend and urge that every church of this Association prepare for and take a collection for the current support of our Baptist Orphanage on Thanksgiving day in November next, forwarding all contributions to Rev. L. S. Foster, Superintendent, Jackson, Miss. It is further recommended that churches and Sunday Schools establish a set time or times during each year for a public collection for the current support of the institution; and further that our prayers go up to God from time to time in behalf of Brother and Sister Foster, for the welfare of the orphans, and for all connected with the management of the institution.

For the fullest information in detail of the rise and progress of the Orphanage, together with its several pressing needs, the churches are referred to the annual catalogue of the institution, free to all.

Respectfully,
S. M. ELLIS.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 9 A. M., Monday.

At 11 A. M., there was preaching in the house by Dr. W. T. Lowrey; and at the stand by Rev. R. A. Cohron. At 2 P. M., there was preaching at the stand by Rev. S. M. Ellis; and at the house there was a ladies' meeting conducted by Sister L. S. Foster. Sunday's collection for Missions amounted to $25.85.

Third Day—Morning Session.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, after song and prayer

by L. S. McKinney. The journal of Saturday and Sunday was read and approved.

The report on Young People's Work was read by Rev. Bryan Simmons, discussed by Brethren Simmons, Jno. Thompson, and adopted.

REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

The organization of the Baptist Young People's Union has supplied a long felt want, and filled a vacancy between the Sunday School and church, which no other institution could fill so well. This organization has passed the experimental stage, it is now a glorious reality, an indispensable factor in our denominational life. The purpose of the Baptist Young People's Union is to develop the young people of our churches for more efficient work in the Master's service. It equips them for the highest possible degree of usefulness, by instructing them in the Word of God, by giving them a more thorough knowledge of Baptist doctrine and Baptist history, by instructing them in the great work of sending the Gospel to the heathen and by training them in all the departments of church work. Your committee recommends:

1. That each church, where it is practicable, give this work a trial and see the fruits that will be brought forth.

2. That hereafter a report of the Baptist Young People's Union work be included in the reports which the churches shall make to this Association, and that this work receive the same consideration that Sunday schools and other important departments receive.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. S. VARNADO.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by T. J. Barksdale, discussed by Brethren T. J. Barksdale, Bryan Simmons, Jno. Thompson, W. W. Davis, and adopted. Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. Jno. Thompson took pledges for the Board of Ministerial Education as follows:

Beech Grove	$10.00	Piedmont	$ 2.00
Brushy Fork	7.50	Rodney	5.00
Center Chapel	5.00	Unity	5.00
Fellowship	5.00	White Oak	10.00
Hermanville	15.00	Harriston	5.00
Martin	5.00	J. E. Phillips	5.00
Philadelphia	10.00	Miss Ida Davis	
Pine Bluff	7.50	Rocky Springs	2.50
Pleasant Hill	10.00		
		Total	$112.50

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This is an age of intellectual advancement Men are being educated for the various avocations of life. Should "the preacher of the Gospel" fall behind in the matter of HIS education?

We do not believe that a college training is absolutely essential to preach the Word, but we do believe that an education greatly aids the preacher in his work, and renders him more efficient in God's service.

The ministry must be educated, in order that it may be able to teach the educated masses that constitute the pew.

God often calls to His service men who are unable to secure an education at once, but with a little assistance they are enabled to go through school, and thus get into work much earlier than if they were left entirely to their own reasources.

There were thirty-two ministerial students in Mississippi College last year, and of this number twenty-four were assisted, to some extent, by the Board of Ministerial Educatinn. This board is doing a great work. We would urge he Churches and Ladies' Societies of this Association to come to the assist-

ance of our board, and thus help in the great work of Ministerial Education.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. J. BARKSDALE.

The report on Sustentation was read by Rev. Bryan Simmons and was discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

The sum of $587.00 has been contributed to this cause during the present year; $530.00 of this has been discreetly distributed by the Secretary of the Convention Board, he withholding the balance to use in the coming winter.

The plan is to help as many as possible at the rate of $5.00 per month during the winter months, leaving what should be our tenderest care at the mercy of a somewhat thoughtless commonwealth. This should not be.

We grow enthusiastic over the support of orphans, and this is right; but can we afford to leave our old ministers and their wives to starve to death? We would urge our pastors to press the importance of this matter.

We recommend that a Christmas offering be taken for this purpose in every church and forwarded to Bro. Rowe. Respectfully Submitted,

BRYAN SIMMONS.

On motion, a cash collection was taken for sustentation, which amounted to $9.05.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by T. J. Barksdale, and was spoken to by Brethren T. J. Barksdale, W. W. Davis, J. E. Phillips, Jno Thompson and adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee would report: The support of the pastor means the doing for him whatever and all, that is necessary to enable him to devote heart, hand, brain and time to the ONE thing of ministering God's Word. Anything short of this means only a partial support, and the partial tieing of hands that God intended should be untied.

Required: God requires that he shall be supported "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live by the Gospel."—1 Cor. 9:14. Whosoever fails of his duty in pastoral support violates God's will. How can he pray: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven? Practicable: It can be done. Whatever the Lord REQUIRES can be done. When He required, the dead arose. It could be easily demonstrated that God's people absolutely squander more substance than would be necessary, if judiciously managed, to support their God-given pastor.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend:—1. That Pastors inform the people, and avoid secular entanglements as much as possible. 2. That our people—one and and all—contribute monthly, to this cause, a definite amount proportioned to the prosperity God gives them. Respectfully submitted,

N. B. FISHER.

The report on Family Worship was read by J. W. Walters, and was discussed by Brethren J. W. Walters, Bryan Simmons, W. A. Smith, L. S. McKinney, and adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY WORSHIP.

This, among the many important things which we consider, is very important. Each home, where Christ is named, should erect the family altar. Great good results where this is done. We recommend then, that every home in the bounds of this Association—every Baptist home—have stated Bible readings in the home and daily prayer. We believe this would not only sea-

son our homes with more of God's spirit, but would also reach out in its influence toward the ends of the earth. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WALTERS.

The report on Nominations was read by Percy Hammett, and was discussed promiscuously by the Brethren and was adopted, after amendments as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report:

Time and Place of next Meeting—Piedmont, on Thursday before the 4th Lord's day in September, 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preacher—Rev. E. S. P'Pool. Alternate—Rev. Jno. Thompson.

ANNUAL COMMITTEES.

State Missions—J. E. Phillips.
Home Missions—S. R. Young.
Foreign Mission—Bryan Simmons.
Publications—J. S. Bailey.
Sunday Schools—W. S. Varnado.
Sustentation—J. H. Purser.
Prohibition—J. J. Embry.
Mississippi College—E. S. P'Pool.
Ministerial Education—J. C. Dove.
Family Worship—G. W. Foster.
Orphanage—T. J. Barksdale.
B. Y. P. U.—S. M. Ellis.
Executive Board—S. R. Young, S. S. Jacob, G. F. Boren.

Respectfully submitted,
M. F. THETFORD,
J. A. LORD,
P. G. HAMMETT,
Committee.

The report on Apportionment as submitted by the committee, was not adopted by the Association.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to consult the letters of the various churches sent up to the Association and make the apportionment, and that he apportion to no church a smaller amount than was given last year.

APPORTIONMENT.

Antioch	$ 6 00	Bethesda	$ 10 00
Beech Grove	43 00	Brushy Fork	50 00
Bethany	14 25	Center Chapel	22 65
Fellowship	96 50	Harriston	10 00
Hermanville	200 00	Martin	21 40
New Providence	19 25	New Salem	10 00
Piedmont	15 50	Pine Bluff	45 00
Philadelphia	39 20	Pleasant Hill	84 00
Port Gibson	56 50	Regantan	22 35
Rodney	59 50	Sims' Chapel	20 00
Unity	17 25	White Oak	85 00

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Bryan Simmons: That the Clerk of this Association have the minutes printed and distributed among the churches; that he be allowed $20 for his services, and draw on the Treasurer for all expenses.

By Jno. Thompson: That the report on Pastoral support be discontinued by this Association, and dropped from the list of committees as an unnecessary report to the real interest of the Association.

By Jno. Thompson: That the Clerk of this body be re-imbursed to the

amount paid by him in the printing of the Associational Letters.

By Jno. Thompson: That the hearty thanks of this body are hereby due and tendered to Beech Grove Baptist Church and community for their kind hospitality and care for us while assembled in their midst.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Piedmont Baptist Church on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1902, 10 o'clock A. M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Jno. Thompson.

S. R. YOUNG, Moderator.

T. J. BARKSDAKE, Clerk.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH

Of the Union Baptist Association, Adopted First Session, September 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utilite of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our Union among churches of the same faith and order: We therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love: that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the course of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER

1. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have convenanted to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church—the only Lawgiver and the government is with the church.

3. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and his Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make public profes-

sion of their faith by submitting themselves as subjects of baptism and as members to the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this Union shall a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then they shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7. Every query sent to the Assotiation, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflection upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Moderator.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair be previously filled, but shall have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expendient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty o each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by its delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of same.

17. The name of no delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association who absents himself before adjournment with our leave of the Association.

18. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties that may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not give them the privilege of voting.

6. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union which may be unsound of principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn at any time or to any place it may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

MINUTES

18. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	TIME MEETI
Antioch	J. H. Purser	Maharris	A. G. Bishop	Spencer	1st Sun
Bethesda	J. C. Dove	Stonington	Allen Nevils	Union Church	3rd
Bethany					
Brushy Fork	Bryan Simmons	Carpenter	G. F. Boren	Conn	3rd
Beech Grove	S. R. Young	Martin	C. L. Young	Martin	2nd
Center Chapel	E. L. Wilson	Dillard	H. T. Jones	McBride	1st
Fellowship	Jno. Thompson	Lorman	R. N. J. Arnette	Lorman	1st&3rd
Harriston	J. E. Phillips	Port Gibson	A. W. Eady	Harriston	4th
Hermanville	S. M. Ellis	Clinton	T. E. Sugg	Hermanville	1st
Martin	Bryan Simmons	Carpenter	R. O. Price	Martin	2nd
New Providence	S. R. Young	Martin	F. M. Davis	Allen	1st
Philadelphia	J. E. Wills	Brookhaven	Jno. E. DeCell	Caseyville	2nd
Piedmont	E. L. Wilson	Dillard	Isaac Posey	Union Church	2nd
Pine Bluff	B. Simmons	Carpenter	J. A. Safley	Dentville	1st
Pleasant Hill	S. R. Young	Martin	W. W. Furr	Allen	3rd
Port Gibson	E. S. P'Pool	Port Gibson	J. S. McPherson	Port Gibson	Every
Reganton	P. A. Haman	Learned	N. B. Fisher	Reganton	1st
Rodney	Jno. Thompson	Lorman	P. G. Hammett	West Side	2nd&4th
Sims' Chapel	J. C. Dove	Stonington	N. B. Watson	Port Gibson	2nd
Unity	S. R. Young	Martin	J. W. Norton	Martin	2nd
White Oak	Bryan Simmons	Carpenter	J. H. Jacob	Utica	4th
New Salem	J. C. Dove	Stonington	W. P. Sanders	Stonington	1st

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POST-OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Spencer	1st Sunday
Union Church	3rd "
Conn	3rd "
Martin	2nd "
McBride	1st "
Lorman	1st&3rd "
Harriston	4th "
Hermanville	1st "
Martin	2nd "
Allen	1st "
Caseyville	2nd "
Union Church	2nd "
Dentville	1st "
Allen	3rd "
Port Gibson	Every "
Reganton	1st "
West Side	2nd&4th "
Port Gibson	2nd "
Martin	2nd "
Utica	4th "
Stonington	1st "

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Pastor's Salary	Mississippi College	Ministerial Educa'n	Orphanage	Sustentation	Church Expenses	Printing Minutes	Building& repairing	Value of Church Property
Antioch	$	$	$	$75 00	$	$	$ 2 00	$1 0	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$	$ 400
Bethesda	1 10	1 10	1 05	85 00			85		2 00	1 00	165 00	
Bethany												
Brushy Fork	5 50	5 00	6 00	125 00	5 00	5 00		2 45	26 30	3 50		175
Beech Grove	4 80			100 00		30 95	2 80				260 00	660
Center Chapel	8 15	3 15	3 15	55 00		5 00			2 00	1 20	15 00	500
Fellowship	12 50	15 00	25 00	250 00	5 00	5 00	25 00	5 00	2 00	2 00		600
Harriston	5 00			100 00					2 00	1 00	65 00	
Hermanville	31 05	16 25	71 95	200 00	10 00	32 85	35 00		47 00	3 00		1 500
Martin	5 00	4 00	5 40	60 00			1 35	2 55	34 75	2 00	100 00	800
New Providence	3 70		4 07	125 00		7 50			22 00			1 600
New Salem			1 30							1 00		200
Philadelphia	10 00	5 00	9 17	125 00		10 00			22 10	3 00	2 25	1 100
Piedmont	4 25	2 74	3 00	55 00	2 00				2 00	1 50		500
Pine Bluff	3 25	6 00		150 00		5 10	10 00		80 70	5 00		1 000
Pleasant Hill	5 40	9 14	7 27	150 00		42 30			9 06	5 00		1 200
Port Gibson	20 00	5 00	9 00	185 00			7 50		339 00	2 00	23 00	1 200
Reganton	2 00	3 85	3 55	125 00	1 10	2 15	7 10	2 00	10 95	1 00		250
Rodney	7 50	10 00	15 00	250 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	22 00	2 00		1 500
Sims' Chapel	1 00	1 30	2 30	37 50		50			9 00	2 00		
Unity	1 00	1 00	1 00	50 00	1 00	5 75	1 50	25	6 00	2 50		580
White Oak	8 55	20 00	11 35	160 00	30 00		18 55		40 20	5 00		1 000
Total	130 75	108 53	179 56	2562 50	57 10	157 10	121 65	15 25	680 06	44 70	630 25	14 765

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POSTOFFICE.	LIT'RATURE USED.	No. Officers & T'h'rs	Pupils Enrolled	Expenses	Scholars Baptized
Bethesda	W. V. Oneal	Union Church	S.B.C. Series			$	
Fellowship	Eugene Till	Lorman	S.B.C. Series				
Hermanville	J. A. Lard	Hermanville	S.B.C. Series	8	50	83 80	2
Martin	J. W. Coor	Martin	S.B.C. Series	4	20	4 16	
New Providence	F. M. Davis	Allen	S.B.C. Series	5	30	5 00	
Philadelphia	W. A. Smith	Brookhaven	S.B.C. Series	8	50	2 20	
Piedmont	J. M. Simmons	Perth	S.B.C. Series	5	28		
Pine Bluff	D. A. Hodger	Dentvile	S.B.C. Series	5	60	7 31	4
Pleasant Hill	W. W. Furr	Allen	S.B.C. Series	11	107	10 31	6
Port Gibson	W. S. Varnado	Port Gibson	S.B.C. Series	6	26	23 80	
Unity	T M. Harrington	Martin	S.B.C. Series	4	25	1 75	
White Oak	WW. Brashears	Carpenter	S.B.C. Series	9	56	15 00	4
Total				65	451	153 33	15

WOMAN'S WORK.

SOCIETIES.	PRESIDENT.	POSTOFFICE.	SECRETARY.	State Missions	Foreign Missions
Bethesda	Nannie Nevils	Union Church	May Pritchard		
Hermanville	Mrs. D. Loiton	Hermanville	J. L. Sugg	$35 40	$10 4
Pine Bluff	Mrs. L. M. Mahon	Dentvilln	Nora B. Hood		
Port Gibson	Mrs. W. F. Clark	Port Gibson	Mrs. M. A. Williams		
Total				35 40	10 4

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TURE D.	No. Officers & T'h'rs	Pupils Enrolled	Expenses	Scholars Baptized.
eries			$	
eries				
eries	8	50	83 80	2
eries	4	20	4 16	
eries	5	30	5 00	
eries	8	50	2 20	
eries	5	28		
eries	5	60	7 31	4
eries	11	107	10 31	6
eries	6	26	23 80	
eries	4	25	1 75	
eries	9	56	15 00	4
	65	451	153 33	15

CRETARY.	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Orphanage
ritchard				
ugg	$35 40	$10 40	4 90	$5
. Hood				
M. A. Williams				
	35 40	10 40	4 90	5

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	Rec'ved by baptism	Received by Letter	Rcd. by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Excluded	Membership Last Year	Present M'mb'rship: Males	Present M'mb'rship: Female	Present M'mb'rship: Total	No. of Minutes
Antioch	Copiah			1				62	28	35	63	20
Bethesda	Jefferson	3	1	2	6	1	1	75	27	48	74	10
Bethany	Copiah											
Brushy Fork	Copiah	8		1	2		3	87	49	44	95	20
Beech Grove	Claiborne		1	2	1	2	1	125	51	73	124	20
Center Chapel	Jefferson		1			2		43	15	27	42	12
Fellowship	Jefferson		2		1			67	36	32	68	20
Harriston	Jefferson		3					13			16	8
Hermanville	Claiborne	2	2		2	1		100	45	56	101	25
Martin	Claiborne	4	4		6			19	9	13	22	10
New Providence	Copiah		2		9			40	13	20	33	10
New Salem 6	Jefferson	3	4	2		2		40	27	20	47	10
Philadelphia	Lincoln	8	2			1		63	31	41	72	20
Piedmont	Jefferson	1	2		4		1	49	25	22	47	15
Pine Bluff	Copiah	28		1	5		5		71	142	213	40
Pleasant Hill	Copiah	4			4	3	1	195	84	108	192	50
Port Gibson	Claiborne	10	8		7	1	2	49	17	44	61	15
Reganton	Claiborne				4			34	13	41	27	6
Rodney	Jefferson	3	2		3			52	27	27	54	20
Sims' Chapel	Jefferson	5		2	3			38			40	15
Unity	Claiborne	5	2		3	1	1	50	22	29	51	20
White Oak	Copiah	7	2					91	43	57	100	20
Total		91	38	11	60	14	14	1295	733	882	1540	386

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MINUTES